

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 267
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Teresa Miller on her selection as Rutherford County Schools' Elementary School District Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Miller is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Miller, a teacher at Christiana Elementary School, has recently been selected as Rutherford County Schools' Elementary School District Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Murfreesboro's Central High School in 1970, she continued her education to earn her bachelor's degree and her master's and educational specialist's degrees in administration and supervision from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, as a former Christiana Elementary School student, Teresa Miller returned to her alma mater to serve with acumen and alacrity as a first grade teacher for the past twenty exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, along with her duties as a teacher, Mrs. Miller is trained to serve in an administrative role and has been called upon by Principal Sue Parsley to temporarily serve as the school's administrator in the principal's absence. Teresa Miller also goes above and beyond the call of duty by serving as a mentor to new teachers, answering their questions and addressing their concerns with expert advice and aplomb; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Miller is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher, Mrs. Miller has been quoted as saying, "It is my responsibility as an educator to instill in my students the love I have for learning and to provide an environment rich in opportunities for growth. I believe we should teach our students not only the basics but to be thinkers and to have confidence in themselves while teaching them the importance of being lifelong learners. I feel that we should instill in our students a desire to explore, to seek out, to stretch, and to grow."; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Miller truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Teresa Miller is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, David Clark Miller, and their three children Kristie Turner, David Bryant Miller, and Tonya Herman. Mrs. Miller is also the proud grandmother of four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Miller truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Teresa Miller of Christiana Elementary School on being chosen as Rutherford County Schools' Elementary School District Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.